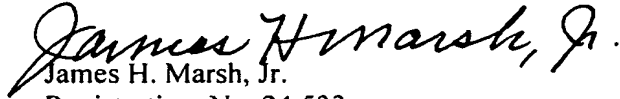


REMARKS

Claims 1 through 15, 17 and 18 remain in this application. Claim 16 has been canceled. Claims 1 through 15 have been amended. Claims 17 and 18 are new.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable action at an early date will be appreciated.. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments which need be addressed in order to obtain allowance, it is respectfully suggested the applicant's undersigned attorney may be contacted at the telephone number listed below.

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